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Students question validity of new smoking policy

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James Yackel released his Chancellor's Memorandum A-200 on Aug. 16 after reviewing concerns brought forth by the Wellness Council.

The revised memorandum limits smoking to 50 feet away from all PUC building entrances.

"There has been continuous concern about smoke concentrated around campus doorways," Yackel said.

Mike Kull, the executive director of facilities and logistical design, is concerned with smoke reaching air control systems. Kull said that during the winter months, people have a tendency to congregate near doorways where heat escapes.

The review resulted in a policy some students find outrageous.

"That's crap. I'm outside. I should be able to smoke," Sarah Powers, a

sophomore majoring in early childhood development, said.

Non-smoker Shevon Keeton, a freshman majoring in nursing, said the new policy is unfair and students should be able to decide for themselves. Keeton said that she has never had a problem with the smoke.

Yackel said that some feel this policy is a response to an insignificant

number of students and the policy was not designed to benefit the majority. He said he has received many e-mails regarding the new policy. Some are in favor of the decision, but many were against it, he said.

The new policy created other negative results.

Kull said that smokers coming from the parking lot are putting their cigarette butts on the ground because ashtrays have been removed.

Yackel said he was concerned that many are ignoring the policy he approved, but is unaware of any legal technicalities. Those smoking indoors can be punished because they are in violation of state laws, but there is no law regulating the outdoors, Yackel said.

Police Chief Chaddock said the department is only taking an "informational approach" by notifying students and faculty members of the policy and directing them to designated smoking areas.

"We're not here to cram this down people's throats," Chaddock said.

For now, the police department will not hand down punishment to people who violate the policy.



Photos by Kevin Kosovich

The south entrance of the Gyte Building is just one of the places on campus where ashtrays have been moved. The ashtray moves have caused cigarette butts to be left on the ground (Inset).

Book aid irritates students

KIM KINTZ
Staff Writer

Geri Griffith arrived at school Thursday, Aug. 24 with an empty backpack and a nervous stomach.

The freshman nursing major was one of more than a thousand financial aid recipients who weren't able to buy their textbooks until that following Monday, Aug. 28.

"I come in every day to see if my books are still there. I'm scared they won't be by the time my financial aid comes through the bookstore. How can I concentrate on class if I don't have a book?" Griffith said.

By law, the university is required to process textbook credit to the students as soon as it is available. Jim Garrett, director of the Bursar, said it can take up to three days to transfer the textbook credit from their office into the Calumet Campus Shop's computer system for the 1,056 students receiving aid. During the transfer period the network operations for every computer user in the school slows significantly. This year the aid came in on Friday so the credit transfer process occurred during the weekend.

"PUC schedules all of its processes at the time that would have the least adverse affect on the students and the operations of the university," Garrett said.

The students who qualify for textbook credit in the bookstore are financial aid recipients whose amount of total aid is more than their tuition bill, according to Carol

Zencka, administrative specialist in the Financial Aid office. She also said that students who do not fill out their necessary forms before their deadline can expect delays in their refunds or textbook credit.

When the financial aid book credit was available in the bookstore Monday, Aug. 28, hundreds lined up in front of the doors before the store was scheduled to open at 8 a.m. Many of the students in line said they were too nervous to wait any longer fearing that their textbooks would be gone because they had already waited so long.

Pauline Brown, who is a freshman in early childhood development, said she missed her 8 a.m. class to go buy her textbooks.

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Photo by Jenn McCampbell

Students lined up in the bookstore last Tuesday, one day after financial aid became available for students.

Stressed students seek relaxation

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Staff Writer

Take a deep breath and relax. Enter a stage of complete tranquillity and exhale. Feel the stress slowly leaving your body as you release all the air from your lungs. Do this repeatedly for a few minutes a day, a few times a week, and that parking lot fender bender or that 10-page term paper may not seem so bad.

Although they are among the oldest techniques, breathing exercises help students remain focused.

Many PUC students are returning from an extended summer hiatus, and the beginning of school brings on the beginning of a stressful schedule.

"Balancing my school schedule and my job is always a headache," Rick Bonham, a full-time student, said.

However, PUC students may not have it as bad as other college attendees. Raymond Bucur, a psychologist that practices in Merrillville, believes that students leaving home and settling into a dorm may be putting themselves in a most stressful situation.

"Students can create stress when they feel like they're not in control," Bucur said. "Sometimes that feeling forces

people to get on top of things."

Still, no one escapes the shackles of stress.

Although often viewed as a burden, stress can also be helpful. The Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Web site defines two types of stress: eustress and distress. The former propels students to solve their problems; the latter often discourages them from performing a certain task.

Whatever the situation, it is important to analyze what is happening. Many people tend to overreact to a situation, causing themselves more distress. Such exaggeration can not only cause harm psychologically, but it may damage one physically as well.

Diarrhea, depression and headaches are just a few examples of the side effects produced by too much stress.

When the body feels stress, it produces adrenaline and cortisol. According to Onhealth.com, these hormones can impair the body if it keeps producing them. Harmful body reactions, including heart attacks, can be caused by high amounts of stress. Remaining as calm as possible can keep these hormones at a reasonable level.

In many cases, students resort to drugs or alcohol in an attempt to control their stress levels. According to the American

Stressors

- * Drugs
- * Alcohol
- * Overeating
- * Smoking

Stress Reducers

- * Massage, meditation
- * Organization of your environment
- * Exercise
- * Healthy diet

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Office of Career Services gets a face-lift

JEN BERG
Staff Writer

The Office of Career Services was in disarray between July 19 and Aug. 4, as dust and noise came from the office. The Office of Career Services now has a professional flare with new carpeting, furniture and workstations.

"It was a long time coming, the carpeting was 12 years old, the furniture was run down," Chynisse Browder, a student recorders clerk, said.

Rick Riddering, the new director of Career Services, was grateful for the extra help moving to a new room while the office was under construction. Even as the office underwent renovations, they still conducted business as usual.

Riddering said that he was surprised at how smoothly the whole operation went.

"The renovation was a team effort," Riddering said. "You don't know how much stuff you have until you have to move it."

Riddering said that he is

pleased with the professional look of the office.

"It really needed it," he said. "We would have professional recruiters snagging their hose on the old furniture. This isn't the look we want to show."

In addition to carpeting and furniture, there are motivational wall hangings for the office and more computers for job searching. The renovation has created a better and more comfortable environment for PUC students and alumni to use the faculty.

"Everyone loves the improvement, its user-friendly and more spacious," Lorraine Fiordelisi, on-campus recruiting coordinator, said.

The Office of Career Services aids PUC students and alumni with job searching, resume and cover letter assistance and life planning. Those interested in the services the Office of Career Services please visit the office in SFLC-349 or call 989-2419. Their web site is located at <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu> under Career Development and Placement.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

An update of campus construction & renovation

With the start of a new academic year come various construction facelifts and improvements to our campus buildings and grounds. This fall is no exception. Here's a project by project update starting at the north end of campus moving south.

Anderson Building

Out of activity the past two years to accommodate an asbestos removal project and "a total reconstruction and remodeling of the interior," according to Purdue Calumet Director of Facilities Planning and Scheduling Gene Sullivan, the building will reopen next semester.

"Some departments actually may move in this fall, while some labs may be finished, as well," Sullivan said. "But for the most part, the building will not be available until next semester."

The asbestos abatement project afforded the opportunity for the building's interior to be renovated and updated from a 1960s structure to one that meets 21st century academic needs for Construction Technology, Manufacturing Engineering Technologies and Supervision (METS), Management, and some Engineering labs and offices.

Labs at the Hammond Area Career Center continue to be used this semester for some Construction Tech, METS and engineering classes.

Potter Laboratory Building

New tables and conduit highlight "a rejuvenation" of three engineering and electrical engineering technology labs, according to Sullivan.

Gyte Science Building

The latest renovation in the campus' oldest structure takes the form of a conversion of Room 158 from a tiered classroom to a tiered computer lab.

Funding for construction of an addition to Gyte is being proposed for inclusion in the campus' 2001-02 legislative budgetary request.

Student Faculty Library Center

By mid-October, the long awaited drive way drop-off and accompanying canopy at the southeast corner of the building should be completed. Additional entry/exit doors at the south end are open.

Minor completion work remains in the cafeteria, where there's a brighter look, thanks to the addition of windows to the south wall, added lighting fixtures and a freshly painted ceiling.

Riley Child Center

Some of the internal furnishings for children have been refurbished.

The Center at Purdue University Calumet

Construction of the \$3.7 million structure at the far south end of the campus is virtually completed, with an official Oct. 1 opening scheduled.

Among amenities still under development is a man-made pond east of the structure.

Parking

To help accommodate users of The Center..., 55 spaces have been added to the parking lot west of the Physical Education Recreation Building.

At a glance around campus

RHIT cruise class callout

Geralyn Farley will be hosting a meeting for the upcoming RHIT cruise class on Sept. 7 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Porter-200. The class is open to all PUC students.

For more information on the class or the information meeting, call Farley at 989-2714.

Theta Phi Alpha announces fall rush

Theta Phi Alpha sorority will be hosting a fall rush party on Sept. 11, 13 and 15 at 6:30 p.m. in SFLC-321.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Leadership Development at 989-2369

Society for Human Resource Management announces fall 2000

The Society for Human Resources Management's meeting for the fall 2000 semester is as follows: Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5. All meetings will be at 5 p.m. and in Gyte-108.

If you are unable to attend, but still wish to participate, e-mail Tony Hobson at pucshrmpr@yahoo.com

Pride Alliance seeking members

Pride Alliance is a social, educational and networking organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender students and their heterosexual allies.

E-mail with questions, comments or if interested in joining.

Student Support Services looking for readers

Student Support Services is looking for readers for the fall 2000 semester. This job allows readers to get paid for reading textbooks on tape for students. Junior or senior status is required.

For more information, call Kristen at 989-2455.

Erector Spinae Universitas hosts co-ed volleyball tournament

Erector Spinae Universitas will be hosting a co-ed volleyball tournament on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The entry fee is \$40

and a prize will be given to the first place team. Entry forms are available at the TFC desk and space is limited.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 25. For more information, call 989-2175.

Mentors wanted

The Perkins Mentoring Program is looking for students to work as mentors. Mentors help incoming freshman become acquainted with the university environment. The pay starts at \$6 per hour and hours are flexible.

For more information contact Nikki Fitzgerald or Miriam Williams at 989-2664 or stop by Gyte-171.

The Chronicle and SGA to host Charity Concert in Alumni Hall

The Chronicle and Student Government Association will be hosting a Charity Concert on Friday Sept. 8, from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. in Alumni Hall, located in the SFLC. The bands Drivin' Blind, soulvasq, and Josh Holmes Band will perform.

Tickets will be sold in the SFLC Concourse, beginning at 6 p.m. as follows: \$5 with a PUC student ID, \$5 with two non-perishable food items or articles of clothing, or \$7 cash.

All proceeds will benefit Haven House of Hammond and The Rainbow Shelter of Gary. Free pizza and pop will be served.

Space is limited, so tickets are sold as first come, first serve.

For more information, contact Amy Aurelio at 989-2547.

Humane Society to host "Celebrate Pets" festival

The Humane Society of Hobart presents the "Celebrate Pets" Festival on Sept. 10 at Festival Park, located by Lake George in Hobart. A "Waggin' Walk" of Dogs begins at 10 a.m.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but registration is available on site. Walkers must sign in by 9:30 a.m. Activities for children and their pets will be hosted by the Portage Boys and Girls Clubs.

For more information and a pledge form, contact the Humane Society of Hobart at 942-0103.

To have a company name or logo on this year's T-shirt or to donate a prize, call the Humane Society and ask for Carol Konopacki.

Quote of the week

'Never promise more than you can perform.'

-Publilius Syrus
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Books

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"They could've made it available to us sooner. There is no excuse. I'm not spending all this money to go without books," Brown said.

Many students in line expressed sympathy for the student workers in the bookstore.

"We know the bookstore doesn't have control over when we get our money. They get yelled at for it, I'm sure. But they are made of mostly student workers anyway," Dawn Simanson, freshman psychology major, said.

Both Garrett and Zencka agreed the financial aid process takes months to process even when students fill out forms on time. Zencka encourages the students to take responsibility when turning in necessary forms during the year. She agreed that students have a right to know where their money is coming from, when it will be available and how much they will receive.

"Students need to be informed consumers," she said. We want students to understand the financial aid process."

Wendy Harmon, a freshman nursing major, turned in her financial aid forms in June and didn't understand why it took so long to get to the bookstore so she can purchase textbooks like everyone else.

"It makes me feel like they don't care whether we learn or not," Harmon said.

What smoking policy?



Photo by Jenn McCampbell

Stephanie Peterson, a freshman in communication, takes advantage of a cigarette break between classes in the midst of the smoking policy.

SGA attempts to rebuild

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Production Assistant

The SGA is attempting to rebuild with the help of new president, Viral Kathrotiya, but only serious applicants need apply.

Michelle Verduzco, the assistant adviser of the SGA, said that it has been a rough couple of years for the SGA. In the past, there have been invalid elections and two president resignations, including the forced resignation of Bruce Kimbrell last December. Lorell Kilpatrick, SGA executive secretary said Kimbrell was caught reviewing confidential files and was later involved in a physical altercation with a fellow SGA member.

Despite the SGA's past, Verduzco feels that there is hope this semester. Verduzco said Kathrotiya is earnest to do good. He has already successfully served one term as a senator.

Kathrotiya said there are no specific SGA goals other than soliciting interest and recruiting new members. He will be working to solicit interest in the SGA. A recruitment party will be in the SGA office on Friday, Sept. 15. Food is being served, and all students are welcome. He is also planning to advertise in the future by putting ads on bulletins and in The Chronicle. Kathrotiya hopes to fill 12 senator positions. Valdemar Garibay and Lisa Ruiz have already filled two of the positions.

Verduzco said that the SGA is an opportunity to develop a skill. It also looks good on a resume, but Kathrotiya discourages students from applying for that reason. Any individual who joins the SGA should be prepared to do their part. Kathrotiya said finding people is never a problem, but finding people that work is. Anyone that feels qualified can contact the SGA at 989-2394 or the Office of Student Leadership Development at 989-2369.

Stress

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Institute of Stress, students end up enrolling into a vicious cycle. They believe the drugs or alcohol is alleviating the problem when it is, in fact, adding to the problem. The problem is therefore extended, not eliminated.

Although drugs will not do the trick, there are numerous ways to appease a stressful feeling. Before one can alleviate stress, however, he or she must become familiar with his or her own stressors. Stressors are the factors that induce stress in someone. Overeating and smoking are two common examples of stressors. Once stressors have been identified, prevention and treatment can begin.

One way to reduce stress is to

stay organized. Developing an agenda and keeping a clean work environment often make things run smoother. Another common way to deal with it is through exercise. Often, creating a regular exercise schedule decreases stress related catastrophes.

"Students can create stress when they feel like they're not in control."

Raymond Bucur,
psychologist

Even one's diet can play a role in the amount of stress they feel. Large meals and fatty foods wear down the body and make it more susceptible to stress. Fruits and vegetable tend to keep stress levels down. Reducing the intake of salt and caffeine can greatly reduce stress as well.

Meditation and massages are also alternative techniques for reducing stress. Yoga, too, is gaining more popularity. These methods help keep one in control of his or her own body. A person in control of his or her body knows what he or she has to do to eliminate the potency of their stressors.

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Tuesday, Aug. 22, 4:53 a.m. A staff member fell backwards down 5-6 stairs while working in the computer ed. Building. The victim sustained injuries to her head, lower back, right ankle and right elbow and was transported to a local hospital by HFD ambulance.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 6:18 p.m. A PUC police dispatcher received a threatening call directed at one of the university police officers. The call was received at the PUC police station main business line. The officer was notified of the threat.

Thursday, Aug. 24, 11:50 a.m. A staff member began feeling ill while teaching a class in the Potter building. The victim complained of abdominal pain, dizziness and sweating. The victim was transported to a local hospital by HFD ambulance.

Thursday, Aug. 24, 1:00 p.m. A motor vehicle traffic accident occurred in the P-7 parking lot east of Porter hall. A vehicle was backing from a parking space and struck a vehicle parked next to it.

Sunday, Aug. 27, 7:00 a.m. Gary PD notified the PUC police department that they recovered a vehicle stripped and damaged that had been reported stolen to PUC police dept. from the P-10 parking lot on 9/23/00. The West Bend Insurance Co., which now owns the vehicle, was notified of the recovery.

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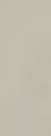
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Revised campus smoking policy needs revision

The no smoking signs posted last week grabbed the attention of smokers and non-smokers alike. While some students smiled as they pictured doorways free from the smell of smoke, some students felt the 50 foot no smoking zones around all campus buildings is a direct violation to their rights of gathering outside of buildings at PUC.

The administration has cited that these smokers block the doorways causing inconvenience for those entering and exiting buildings. This latest policy has turned out not only to be unfair and poorly thought out, it also leaves students with the feeling that they have been duped by their own administration.

Students on campus were not given a say in the newest policy created by the administration. Matters involving students and student-related issues should at least involve input from student representatives or random surveys. Neither were used in the creation of the policy. The signs were posted the night before school started as if put there by the administration to avoid any commotion before the semester started.

Another flaw in the policy has to do with the enforcement of it. Will PUC police write citations or will student patrol officers issue fines? The fact is that they have enough to do without measuring the distance smokers stand from buildings. A rule worth making should be worth enforcing. If it is enforced at all, it is hoped that more thought is put into the penalties than was put into the policy itself.

Doesn't the administration have more important things to deal with? Instead of enacting ridiculous policies that students will laugh at 10 years from now, the administration should focus on its real priority: education. Instead of spontaneous, misguided policies, maybe the administration should look into filling the department head and dean vacancies that have accumulated for years. Maybe they should work on creating new majors. How about hiring more professors to teach more classes? That would actually take preparation and may even add to the educational experience of PUC.

Perhaps the biggest lapse of common sense produced by this recent policy is the fact that non-smokers block doorways also. Contrary to popular belief, non-smokers like to peak outside every once in a while to catch some fresh air. It is also important to note that non-smokers are not any easier to walk around when entering buildings.

With that in mind, it is no longer a smoking issue, it is the administration's inability to deal with the fact that some students actually like hanging around PUC. Perhaps those official-looking paper signs should read "No loitering" instead of "No smoking."

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The People Speak

Question of the Week: What do you think of the new smoking policy at PUC which states that you must stand at least 50 feet away from all building entrances?



Kristin Kolodziej

freshman, French and secondary education

"Since I don't smoke, they don't really have an affect on me, but for those who don't want to smell the smoke, it is nice."



Sarah Beda

sophomore, French and German

"It is nice not to have smoke coming in the buildings, but it doesn't bother me either way."



Aaron Griffin

freshman, computer engineering,

"It's okay for non-smokers, but it's not really considerate for smokers. Whatever happened to equal rights?"



Erika Dahl

sophomore, English writing

"I understand where non-smokers are coming from, but I am of age, its outdoors, and I am not bothering anybody."



Jeffrey McNeil

freshman, CIS

"Even though I'm a smoker, I think it may be good. It keeps the doorways clear which should allow students to go to and from buildings promptly."

MP3: A new three-letter word

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For years, a three-letter word was the term most often used in search engine requests — "sex." Trying to prove once again that sex does sell, online opportunists ranging from established corporations to disgruntled guys posting pictures of ex-girlfriends, worked to make a buck off of sex on the Internet. However, sex's reign as the top search request was ended by three other keystrokes — "MP3." Now, the same spectrum of people, from huge record companies to garage bands, will soon try to make money off MP3s and prove that the controversial file format can sell as well as sex.

But this is an entirely new concept — up until now, the term "MP3" has been synonymous with "free." Programs like Winamp, Napster and Gnutella have bolstered the popularity of MP3s and strengthened the belief that they are meant to be downloaded at no cost.

Unfortunately for consumers, the MP3 free-for-all is likely coming to an end. Nonetheless, MP3 listeners should embrace the future of the format because it will benefit all sides involved.

While the world of music typically has been controlled by record companies, the Internet has been the consumer's turf. When the two worlds collided, consumers had an advantage — digital music became widely available at no cost. Ian Clarke, the 23-year-old programmer who developed the file-trading software Freenet, summed up the record companies' position when he said, "If you're selling water in the desert, and it starts to rain, you need a new business model."

There are already signs that record labels are changing their models and embracing MP3 as the next big thing in music distribution. Four major record companies have settled lawsuits with MP3.com, choosing to let the Web site distribute their music while collecting revenue fees. Instead of suing any and all things MP3-related, the industry seems ready to support the new format. Though record companies cannot stop the downpour of free illegal MP3s, when one is powerful enough to control the weather, as record companies are, the forecast calls for bluer skies.

Record companies are already investing in high-tech alternatives. Some legal experts suggest record companies could release software that subscribers could use to access a label's MP3s. Similarly, Napster could continue operation with users paying a per-download fee with those revenues going to record labels.

Whatever happens, the change to legal, but not free, MP3s will occur on the Internet — where consumers still have the upper hand. Although record companies will be gaining a new source of revenue, listeners will influence

that revenue by choosing which artists to download and, consequently, which artists get paid.

Artists also stand to benefit from the elimination of completely free MP3 downloads. Musicians should not have to settle for spreading their MP3s through programs like Napster where copyright laws are sacrificed for the sake of new exposure. While gamering new listeners is good for artists, Napster is not a necessary way to get that exposure.

When a listener hears of a band, it is as easy to type in the band's name followed by a ".com" as it is to type it in a Napster search field. And if listeners go to that band's Web site, they will usually get pictures, biographies and information unavailable on Napster. Many times visitors can download some of the band's MP3s as well. Musicians and groups are posting MP3 tracks from their CDs and from live concerts on their Web sites. Direct downloads from a band's Web site will be the future for free and legal MP3s — especially for independent and smaller-label artists.

For example, it is unlikely that a listener first hears about Hole by going to its Web site and downloading one of 50 MP3s the band has posted. However, it is quite possible for an A&M student to attend North by Northgate, watch local band Blue Earth play at Shadow Canyon, and go to the band's Web site to see pictures, merchandise, tour information and, of course, MP3s from the latest album. Not only do artists control which tracks are on their Web sites, but they can also track how many visitors and downloads their Web sites have — which they cannot do with Napster.

As Napster backers watched their beloved program lose the first round of its court battle against the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), many users responded by downloading new MP3s in a frenzy with the attitude of "Get em while they are still free."

In reality, an Internet without a Napster free-for-all would bring a positive balance to the current MP3 controversy. Record companies trying to shut down Napster will see new revenues from MP3 services, no matter what form they may take.

At the same time, listeners will enjoy not having to worry about getting kicked off Napster or having the authorities ever knock on their door. And in the end, artists who embrace MP3s as an effective new form of music distribution will gain the most by exposing listeners to their music while being able to control where and how much listeners can download their files.

Illegal MP3s will always be available on the Internet for users who know how and where to get them. A shut-down of Napster simply ensures a better download for listeners, musicians and record labels.

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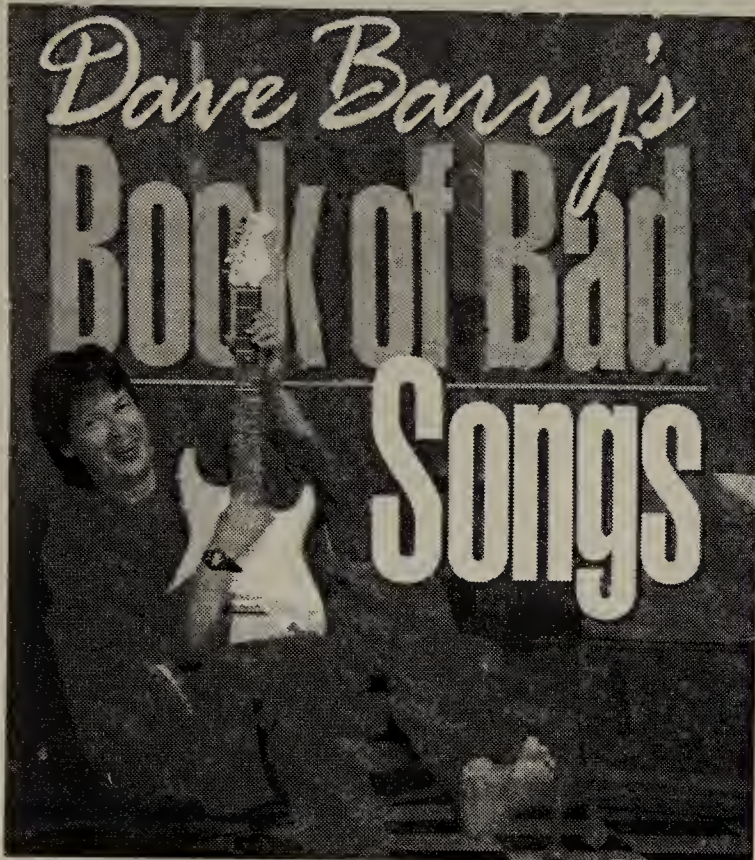


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Barry's 'Bad Songs' make a huge hit



Dave Barry pokes fun at pop culture with "Dave Barry's Book of Bad Songs." See priority list (right.)

RICK PEREGOY
Entertainment Editor

Everyone has a song that they can't stand that always gets stuck in their head. I should use this space in my story to apologize for that hated song that has now made its way into your head.

Dave Barry has made a career out of writing about everyday life and making fun of it. He has written such hilarious works as "Babies and Other Hazards of Sex" and "Dave Barry Is Not Making This Up."

His latest work has been a work in progress. He has been making fun of bad songs in his weekly column for years in the *Chicago Tribune's* Sunday magazine.

Barry dedicates his "Book of Bad Songs" to, and I quote, "whoever put the bomb in the bomp ba-bomp ba-bomp."

It is not beyond Dave Barry to write a five-page disclaimer prior to his 17-page introduction before giving us the results of his bad song survey. He then breaks down the various types of bad

songs into categories such as: "Songs Women Really Hate," "Teen Death Songs" and "Songs People Get Wrong."

With the exception of his category "Songs People Get Wrong," all of the lyrics are actual lyrics written by well-known artists. Many of these songs made it high on the charts, leading modern day music promoters to think of the general mediocrity of the average listener when deciding on what types of contrived, pop icons to throw at us next.

Barry points out how bad even a No. 1 hit can look on paper. An example is Neil Diamond's "I am, I Said," which includes the lyrics "I am, I said/To no one there/And no one heard at all/Not even the chair."

This book can be purchased at any of your major bookstores for under \$10 if you're this side of the Canadian border. At

Book	"Book of Bad Songs"
Author	Dave Barry
Rating	8 of 10

88 pages, it is a quick but enjoyable read if you happen to be familiar with songs from this era. In conclusion, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is Mambo # 5."

Memory Priority Assigned to your brain	Type of Information
Low	Your ATM number, your blood type; the location of your car keys; the names of people you have known for years
Medium	Totally useless information you learned in fifth grade, such as the capital of Vermont.
High	Commercial jingles for products that go back as far as you know no longer exists, such as Bosco.
Ultimate Highest	Songs you really, really hate.

Snipes' new thriller not exactly a work of 'Art'

U-WIRE

There is nothing special to be seen in the new Wesley Snipes film "The Art of War." Rather, it's a decent plot mixed in with a little confusion, and a few people charged with the crime of bad acting.

Snipes' last movie, "Blade," established him as one of the Hollywood bad boys of action filmmaking, but that doesn't mean he lives up to his expectations. Snipes plays U.N. secret agent Neil Shaw, a silent player in the game of world peace. In the troubled times of the Chinese Trade Agreement, he is sent to "create the peace" by whatever means necessary.

His Bond-esque demeanor needs practice, and for someone who is such a secret agent he sure does talk a lot.

One of the most notable characters is FBI agent Cappella, played by actor Maury Chaykin ("Mystery, Alaska"). His attitude is perfect in a set of mayhem, calm and cool, as if nothing is beyond his belief. He puts a mundane, comedic tone into his character that blends well with Snipes' take-no-prisoners approach.

You can't give Snipes too much of a bad rap when co-star Donald Sutherland ("Puppetmasters") brings nothing to the movie but his name. Sutherland's character is the bland and undefined U.N. secretary-general Thomas, head of U.N. peace relations. The casting crew should

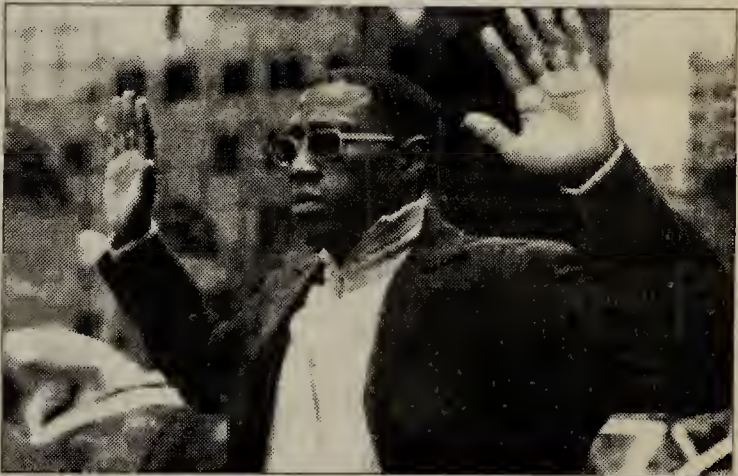
have thought about hiring a no-name to play the role so they could have at least saved money.

It gets tiresome to see the first half of a film only to see the ending crash down over you. With an adequate amount of twists and turns at the beginning, halfway through the film the plot stops, and the mindless action sets in.

If the viewer has half a mind, they will figure out who did it and not care.

It's so sad to see horrible fight scenes that could never actually happen. Snipes should have used his skills to his fullest extent, but the only well choreographed battle is at the very beginning.

Most movies take pride in elaborating on why they have



Wesley Snipes once again stars as a secret agent called upon to catch the bad guys in "The Art of War."

chosen a certain name for a film. "The Art of War" sounds like a very interesting title, with a mysterious tone to it.

You don't hear much about it,

and when you do, there's no powerful meaning behind it. The film could have been better if they elaborated on what the art of war is and what codes it goes by.

UPSIDE-DOWN written by Rick Peregoy, illustrated by Solomon Shih

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Don't cheer too loud for 'Bring it On'

TIFFANY SANCHEZ
Editor in Chief

Give me a "P!" Give me an "E!" Give me a "R!" Give me a "K!" Give me a "Y!" What's that spell? *Perky*, a word that could definitely describe "Bring it On," a comedy about two rival cheerleading squads competing for the Universal Cheer Association national championship.

The Toro cheerleading squad from San Diego has it all in the world of cheering: spirit, thousand-watt smiles, killer moves, a tightly choreographed routine and five national championship trophies under their pompons. Their whole world comes crashing down on them when recently elected captain Torrance (Kirsten

Dunst) discovers her predecessor stole those killer moves from the hip-hop influenced Clover squad of East Compton.

Both squads are determined to win the championship trophy. In order to do so, both must overcome an obstacle that stands in their way. The Toros must scramble not once, but twice to come up with a solid new routine. The Clovers, led by squad captain Isis (Gabrielle Union), must come up with a way to raise enough money to cover their travel expenses to go to the national championships.

Late practices, a car wash and a hopeful letter to a television talk show host are some of the measures that Torrance and Isis take to ensure their teams win. Torrance is determined to right a wrong and Isis wants to see that her squad finally gets the recognition that it deserves. Only one squad can call themselves the national champions; may the best moves win.

"Bring it On" probably won't win an Oscar, but it will definitely be a hit with its target audience: cheerleaders or those aspiring to be cheerleaders. I enjoyed the movie and was in awe of the actors being able to hit perfect toe touches and amazing back flips.

Surprisingly, this movie shows that sometimes there can be more to cheering than wearing short skirts and jumping in the air. While the movie is based on a bunch of air-headed cheerleaders try-

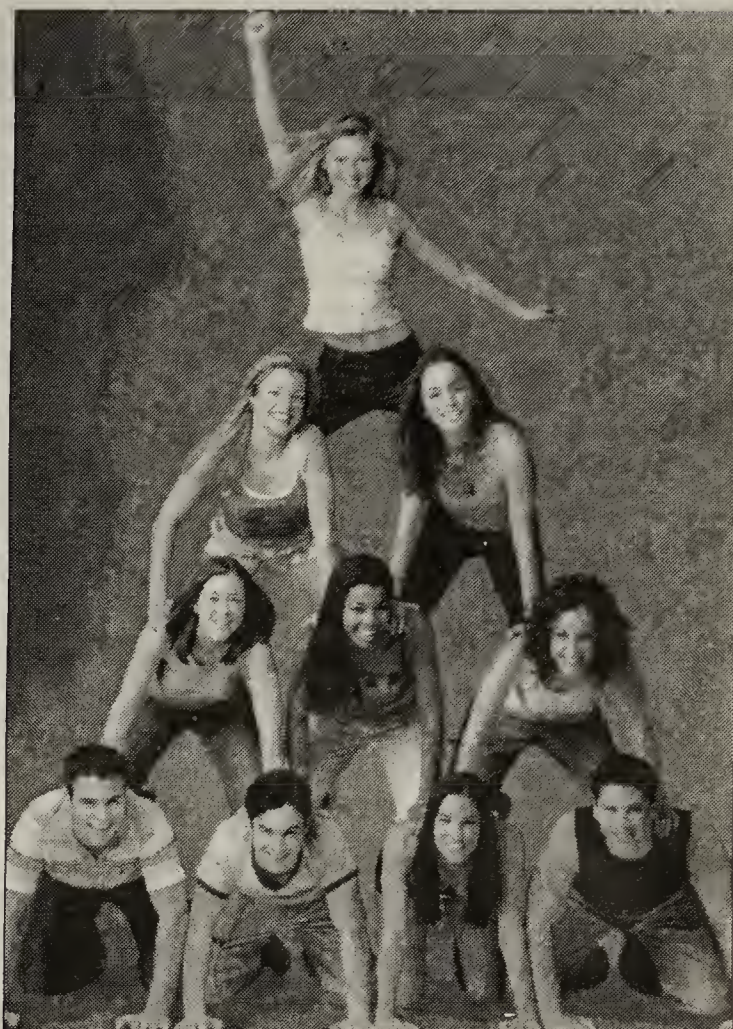
ing their best to win, audiences can learn a lesson from both squads. The Clovers demonstrate that although working hard may not always show immediate results, sticking to your work ethic and concentrating will eventually pay off. The Toros show that honesty is the best policy and doing the right thing can be more rewarding than winning.

If you are looking for a movie to see that stimulates you intellectually, this would not be the movie to see. There is a lesson to be learned but viewers don't need to look too deep to find it. I would recommend this movie to anyone who appreciates cheerleaders and can put up with all the perky, cheerful behavior only a cheerleading movie can possess.

Movie	"Bring it On"
Actor	Kirsten Dunst
Rating	6 of 10



Torrance and Isis go toe to toe at the Universal Cheer Association's national cheering competition.



The cast of "Bring It On": Torrance (Kirsten Dunst); (second row, from left) Courtney (Clare Kramer), Missy (Eliza Dushku); (third row from left) Kasey (Rini Bell), Isis (Gabrielle Union), Big Red (Lindsay Sloane); (bottom from left) Jan (Nathan West), Cliff (Jesse Bradford), Darcy (Tsianna Joelson) and Les (Huntley Ritter).

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That time of year already?

BOB GRANTZ
Sports Editor

Like summer into fall, the seasons are a-changin'.

With September having come upon us, the changing of the sports season is coming closer. Baseball season will be wrapping up and football season is starting.

What kind of outlook do we have for our pro teams in the area? Let's start with baseball.

The outlook of post-season baseball is good. The White Sox sit at the top of the American League Central Division.

Their closest competitor is Cleveland. They are seven games back from the Sox. This is a situation much like the 1994-1995 season (the year of the strike). Hopefully history will not repeat itself.

Of course, if they hold true to Chicago baseball they will tank it in the playoffs.

The Cubs are 16.5 games back from St. Louis for first in the National League Central Division. They are 20.5 games back for the Wild Card spot, so their playoff outlook is kinda shaky.

They could still make it though.

Who knows, they could both make it to the World Series. It hasn't happened since 1906 but you never know.

Football season starts Sunday, Sept. 3. The outlook for the Bears is the same as always; not great.

They did some strong things during the pre-season, finishing 2-2. They picked up a couple of hopeful prospects. Defensive tackle, Brad Culpepper is one of the standout additions to the team.

Their first game of the season is on the road at Minnesota.

This is only the second time since 1983 the they have opened the season on the road. Things don't look good for the Bears though; the Vikings haven't lost a home opener since 1986.

Could the season start off on a low note for the Bears? As my magic 8-ball would say -- "outlook not good."

A high point for the Bears is that Dick Jauron is still the head coach. Jauron lead them to the most wins since 1996.

Jauron's good, but he's still no Ditka.

For those of you who follow the Indianapolis Colts, all is pretty quiet from their camp. They finished the preseason 3-2, so they have potential.

They open their season Sunday, Sept. 3 against Kansas City. The Colts won the season opener last year and have a good chance to do it again this year.

The Colts have been in the playoffs for the past five years and the front office staff is the same. The Colts could be showing up there again this year.

It will be tough for them without Captain Comeback himself, Jim Harbaugh.

With the seasons changing sports junkies are looking at a possible overdose. The World Series will be taking place at the same time as the start of football season.

If you sports junkies feel overwhelmed at this, turn on PBS. That should bring you down off your sports high, and possibly bore you to sleep.

The changing of seasons means that there will be no more watching a baseball game with the drunk guys in the bleachers.

It is now time to watch football with a bunch of drunk, painted guys in the bleachers.

Questions or comments? Contact Bob Grantz at (219) 989-2547 or grantzrj@axp.calumet.purdue.edu.



Yoga classes offered

Yoga classes with Master Instructor Mike Zolfo will be offered in the PER building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. It will run from Sept. 11 to Dec. 7. These classes will be open to faculty, students and the public. It will cost \$5 per class for PUC members and \$7 for non-members. Per month, it will be \$24 for members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call the Total Fitness Center at 989-2175.

TFC ice cream social

The Total Fitness Center and PUC Wellness Center will be sponsoring an ice cream social on Sept. 13, 14 and 20. On Sept. 13 and 14, the social will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Sept. 20, it will last from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It will be held on the outside of the SFLC building rain or shine. Come and receive a pass for two free workouts. For more information, call the Total Fitness Center at 989-2175.

Fast Break

A brief look at PUC sports

Work to your 'Full Potential'

Full Potential is a new class being offered by the Total Fitness Center. It is a People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE) class. It will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The class will last eight weeks. Classes start Sept. 12 and run until Nov. 2. It is free to TFC members and will cost \$40 for non-members. Contact the Total Fitness Center at 989-2175 for more information.

Fitness contest kicks off

The Total Fitness Center and PUC Wellness Center will be sponsoring "The Workout Club," a fitness contest, from Sept. 11 to Dec. 17. Each participant will receive a workout card where his or her workouts will be recorded. Twenty-five completed workouts and the participant receives either a TFC sweatshirt or t-shirt/short combination. Fifty completed workouts and the participant will receive an embroidered TFC windbreaker. There is a \$15 entry fee. For more information call the Total Fitness Center at 989-2175.



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